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1. Indonesia

Whatever anti-US vituperation Sukarno may indulge in tomorrow during Indonesia's "Heroes Day" celebration, the army evidently sees the affair as another opportunity to beat on the Communists.

General Nasution's speech for the occasion, available in an advance recording, is a strong call for punishment of the instigators of the 30 September coup. Nasution does not mention Sukarno by name, merely praying in conclusion that "the great leader of the revolution" be given strength to continue the struggle "along the God-given path."

To help get Sukarno on the right path, anti-Communists in Djakarta today staged the largest demonstration US Embassy observers can remember. One of Sukarno's deputy premiers gave the crowd the usual soft line, but in response the rally demanded the dismissal of Communists from the cabinet.

Sukarno is still scoring some points, however,

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Two papers attacking pro-Communist Deputy Premier Subandrio have already been temporarily banned by Sukarno's civilian authorities.

There are some hints that Sukarno intends to go abroad soon. A trip now would seem badly timed politically, but might be necessary for medical reasons.

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2. South Vietnam

The joint US-Australian operation near Bien Hoa north of Saigon is in its final phases.

Timely and effective air strikes, as well as heavy artillery and effective automatic weapons fire have taken a heavy toll of Communists. Over 400 bodies were counted after this engagement, and an estimated 200 additional Communist dead were removed from the battlefield.

Allied casualties stand at 50 killed, 48 of them Americans.

3. North Vietnam

Yesterday's US air strike on a surface-to-air missile site near Haiphong apparently led to Soviet casualties. An intercepted conversation from the site made reference to "one comrade killed and four wounded." Soviet technicians have been called "comrades" in earlier voice intercepts.

It has been assumed that Soviet personnel could have been casualties in previous strikes on surface-to-air sites, but this is the first creditable evidence of this.

4. Dominican Republic

Santo Domingo is quiet, but ex-President Bosch is worried again about a right-wing coup. Last evening, he sent an emissary to an embassy in Santo Domingo to ask for assurances that the US is not supporting such a move.

5. Chile

Latin passions have been aroused by a border clash between Chilean and Argentine gendarmes. The Chileans came out losers in the affray, which took place at an isolated ranch in the southern Andes.

Both governments have recently seemed to want to settle border problems in an orderly fashion, but politicians on each side are prone to wave the bloody shirt over such incidents.

6. Rhodesia

London is braced for a Rhodesian declaration of independence, possibly today or tomorrow. Although some new move could again stave off a declaration, Wilson's room for maneuver on the issue now seems to be very small indeed.

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The weaknesses of the African nationalists have discouraged even the radical black African states, whose leaders have been pressing the British to take drastic action against the white Rhodesians.

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